

purely external, and bare to a degree
That, no doubt,

is **as** he would wish

Ho is, to begin with, purely English as
English as an
Englishman can well be Many people,
both when he
was young and throughout his
career, have assumed
that he is Jewish, on no better evidence
than his appear-
ance. True, that appearance—the thick
nose and lips,
abxandant hair, small stature, and
sensitive hands and
feet, the eyes concealed by eye-glasses, far
from straightly
set on his nose, and attached to a cord,
often knotted
and broken, which, since he never removes
them, serves
no obvious useful purpose—does, at a first
glance, give
him the air not only of a Jew but a Jew of
Continental
origin Abroad, he passes easily as either
a German or
a Frenchman at an International
Conference, his is
certainly not one of the figures one would
pick out as
characteristically British Empire But,
apart from his
industry, his amazing memory and
equally amazing
power of finding the right word and tracking
every nuance
of meaning through the appropriate shading
of language
to express it, he is markedly deficient in
Jewish traits of
mind or character He is not artistic, he
is indifferent
to money, he much prefers the
knowledge of facts to
the possession of cash, unassuming, modest and
disinterested,
he is totally devoid of personal 'push'
The evidence of his ancestry, anyhow,
disposes of the
hypothesis On both sides, the line of descent

is purely
English Anglo-Saxon English His forbears
came from
East Angles, and from Kent His grandfather
on the
paternal side was a Kentish inn-keeper, a
cousin was a
professional cricketer His maternal
grandfather was a
small, very small, property owner in Suffolk
From *Who's Who*, and from the Election
documents in
which candidates are compelled to set out
those full "given"
names which they may, or may not, use in
daily life, it